

properly submitted in view of one example, with the explanation applying to all of the references that were not considered.

Reference #10 (JP-B2-2942566) cited in the June 1, 2008 IDS, for example, is the last foreign reference listed for June 1 before the entry "NPL Documents" in the Image File Wrapper, and the entry includes 36 pages. Page 1 is the Abstract of the Japanese Application (JP2191833) even though the first entry states "Patent number: JP2191833" (please see the same application number on both the Abstract and JP-B2-2942566). Pages 2-25 include the computer-generated English translation of JP-B2-2942566, and at the top left corner of each page is "JP,2942566,B" Page 26 is another Abstract of the Japanese Application and includes "(11) Publication number: 02-191833", which is similar to page 1. Pages 27-36 conclude with JP-B2-2942566. Applicant thus provided two Abstracts and a computer-generated English translation of JP-B2-2942566, along with the original reference JP-B2-2942566. It is requested that this reference and the other references be considered.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0125864 to Banno et al. (Banno). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, "a control value calculation module that adjusts phases of a longitudinal acceleration in the vehicle longitudinal direction and a lateral acceleration in a vehicle lateral direction out of a steering-based acceleration."

As discussed during the personal interview, and acknowledged by Examiner Tran in the Examiner's Interview Summary, Banno fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of independent claim 1 because Banno does not disclose adjusting phases of a longitudinal acceleration and a lateral acceleration. In Banno, a maximum longitudinal acceleration G_{xmax} and a longitudinal acceleration margin G_{mgn} are calculated, rather than adjusting

phases of a longitudinal acceleration in a vehicle longitudinal direction and a lateral acceleration in a vehicle lateral direction, as recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

The Office Action also rejects claims 2, 4-6, 15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Banno in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,408,411 to Nakamura et al. (Nakamura). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 15 recites, "regulating magnitude and phase of a longitudinal acceleration in the vehicle longitudinal direction as a steering-based acceleration."

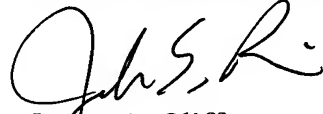
As discussed during the personal interview, and acknowledged by Examiner Tran in the Examiner's Interview Summary, the combination of Banno and Nakamura fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of independent claim 15 because Nakamura merely discloses changing the magnitude of the longitudinal acceleration based on an actual motion and a predicted motion of the vehicle. Therefore, even the combination of Banno and Nakamura fails to disclose or suggest regulating magnitude and phase of a longitudinal acceleration.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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